BLACK HILLS DEER

There were 4,662 single-tag licenses issued for the 2017 Black Hills Deer season (4,319 resident, 343 nonresident).

A random sample of 1,878 hunters was taken (40% of license holders) and there were 1,484 responses for a 79% return rate. Approximately 69% of responses were received through the Internet.

The season ran the month of November, a total of 30 days. Those responding reported hunting an average of 4.39 days, which projected to 20,476 recreation days for the season.

The mean satisfaction score for all combined units was 5.76 on a scale ranging from 1 = "very dissatisfied" to 7 = "very satisfied".

The harvest projection for the Black Hills Deer season was 3,325 deer (2,539 adult whitetail bucks, 77 fawn whitetail bucks, 568 adult whitetail does, 62 fawn whitetail does, and 79 adult mule deer bucks. The overall season harvest success rate was 71%.

Including the estimated Black Hills harvest of 2,056 deer from the Archery, Youth, Mentored Youth, and Muzzleloader seasons, approximately 5,381 deer were harvested in the Black Hills proper.

Harvest summaries for the 2009-2017 Black Hills Deer seasons

	Licenses Sold		Harvest Bucks		Harvest Does				Avg Days	Avg
YEAR	Resident	Nonres	WT	Mule	WT	Mule	Total	Success	Hunted	Satis
2009	7,218	613	2,450	134	1,122	74	3,781	48%	4.75	4.53
2010	4,938	389	2,300	101	599	16	3,017	57%	4.58	5.07
2011	4,137	329	2,011	107	401	10	2,530	57%	4.78	4.89
2012	3,337	243	2,008	88	289	6	2,391	67%	4.23	5.22
2013	3,330	261	1,912	62	318	2	2,294	64%	4.68	5.27
2014	3,242	252	2,076	59	275	0	2,410	69%	4.82	5.48
2015	3,741	294	2,533	74	307	2	2,917	72%	4.61	5.75
2016	4,120	325	2,604	86	505	2	3,198	72%	4.38	5.76
2017	4,319	343	2,616	79	630	0	3,325	71%	4.39	5.76

2017 Black Hills Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 22-Feb-18

	Licenses								Harvest Projections											
	Resident			Nonresident					Whitetail				Mule Deer				Total Deer		Mean	Avg
	Appl. 1st			Appl. 1st					Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does				Satisfctn	Days
Unit/Type	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Resp.	Success	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Harvested	CI (95%)	Score	Hunted
BH1-01	3,826	200	220	329	16	16	81%	70%	82	2	1	0	79	0	0	0	164	+/-7	5.71	5.34
BH1-11	9,196	3,500	3,500	844	280	279	80%	72%	2,456	33	219	19	0	0	0	0	2,727	+/-105	5.81	4.58
BD1-13	237	500	500	30	40	40	79%	69%	1	34	299	37	0	0	0	0	371	+/-11	5.45	2.94
BD2-13	61	100	99	7	8	8	71%	58%	0	7	49	6	0	0	0	0	62	+/-6	5.59	2.96
Totals	**13,320**	**4,300**	**4,319**	**1,210**	**344**	**343**	**79.0%**	**71%**	**2,539**	**77**	**568**	**62**	**79**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3,325**	**+/-129**	**5.76**	**4.39**

The response rate for all units combined is: 79.0%
Satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.
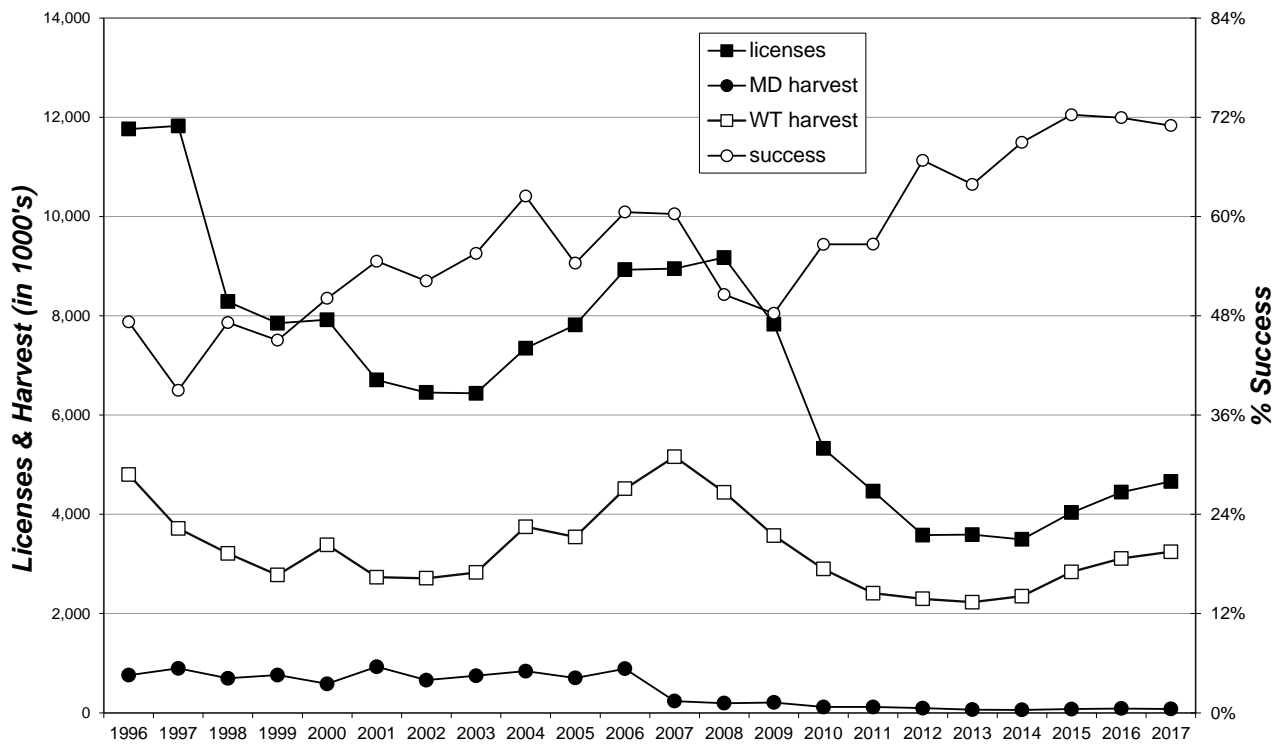* Number of 1st drawing applicants with that season as 1st choice.

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